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**REMARKS**

**Status of the claims:**

With the above amendments, claims 30 and 55 have been amended, claims 2-6, 9-28, 31-34, 36-44, 46-54, 56-66, 68-78, and 80 are canceled, and claims 1, 7, 8, 29, 30, 35, 45, 55, 67, 79, and 81 are pending and ready for further action on the merits. No new matter has been added by way of the above amendments. Support for the amendment to claims 30-55 are merely to make the claims clearer and have support in the written description as filed. Applicants request favorable consideration.

Applicants believe that no additional fees more than those submitted with this preliminary amendment are necessary, however, should a fee be deemed to be necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this action or any future action to Deposit Account No. 16-1435.

Should the Examiner have any questions relating to the instant application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (336) 607-7486 to discuss any issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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